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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 1232

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SUBJECT: RECALL OF ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL DHARSONO

REF: (A) JAKARTA 0808 (DTG (DTG 181020Z JAN 78), (B) JAKARTA 1007
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1. GOI IS STILL NEGOTIATING WITH ASEAN GOVERNMENTS THE MANNER AND TIMING OF RECALLING LT. GEN. DHARSONO FROM HIS POSITION AS ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL. FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AS DESCRIBED TO ME BY MY SINGAPORE, MALAYSIAN AND THAI COLLEAGUES.

2. ANGERED BY DHARSONO'S PUBLIC CRITICISM OF HIS GOVERNMENT (REF A) PRESIDENT SUHARTO THROUGH A "THIRD PARTY" INSTRUCTED ACTINGFOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA TO RECALL HIM IMMEDIATELY. MOCHTAR SOUNDED OUT ASEAN AMBASSADORS, WHO ARGUED THAT ONLY ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS COULD DISMISS INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT THEY HAD APPOINTED AND OPPOSED CONVENING MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE. ASEAN AMBASSADORS SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT DHARSONO BE PLACED ON
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EXTENDED LEAVE, PRESUMABLY UNTIL EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM IN MAY. WHEN THIS MESSAGE WAS TAKEN TO SUHARTO BY "THIRD PARTY," PRESIDENT INSISTED THAT DHARSONO BE REMOVED COMPLETELY. ASEAN AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR PART CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT THIS WOULD SET UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT.

3. MOCHTAR IS NOW SEEKING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE

PROBLEM DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT IN EFFORT TO BREAK DEAD-
LOCK. IF SUHARTO REMAINS FIRM, DHARSONO WILL BE UNI-
LATERALLY YANKED OUT AND ASEAN GOVERNMENTS WILL RELUCTANTLY
ACCEPT HIS RECALL. I HEARD MOCHTAR SUMMON MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR
FOR FURTHER TALKS THIS MORNING AND ASSUME HE WILL ATTEMPT
TO SETTLE THE MATTER OVER THE WEKEND.
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